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Applicant : Bruce C. Johntson	Group Art Unit: 3312 Examiner: K. Asher
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on February 13, 1997. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite the following claims as indicated:

1. (Twice amended) A nasal dilator for preventing outer wall tissue of nasal passages of a nose drawing in during breathing, comprising:
a flexible unitary truss member having [a normally, substantially planar] an initial state absent flexure thereof, the unitary truss member including:
a first end region adapted to engage the outer wall tissue of a first nasal passage;
a second end region adapted to engage the outer wall tissue of as second nasal passage;
an intermediate segment configured to traverse a portion of a nose located between the first and second nasal passages, the inherent tendency of the truss member to return to its [normally planar] initial state

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